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Stop-and-frisk and safety

than over the same time period last year.

For many blacks and Latinos, the Bloomberg years reflect a time when they were under siege for no other reason than their skin color. The two groups were targeted disproportionately by a police practice known as stop-and-frisk. While a whopping five million stops over the last decade resulted in the seizure of only 8,000 guns, Bloomberg has insisted there was no way to measure the practice's efficacy in keeping people from carrying guns. According to the Bloomberg administration, the NYPD has wrangled homicides and gun violence to record lows under this mayor. As of Sunday, Dec. 22, the city saw 45 fewer gun deaths this year

Homeless

A dark stain on Bloomberg's legacy is his administration's record on homelessness. The city's homeless population is at record highs. Homeless advocates criticize city agencies for approaching the issue more like auditors than advocates, but many will acknowledge that the city lost two vital sources of funding: Section 8, from the federal government, and Advantage, from the state. The fact that this happened under the watch of a billionaire may be why Bloomberg has incurred the brunt of the public's wrath over this failure.

Compassion

Bloomberg received an award this year from the Police and Fire Widows' Fund, which supports families of service members killed in the line of duty. He said that the first time he met a young man's grieving parents at a hospital, he realized that this was perhaps his most meaningful responsibility.

A glance back at **Bloomberg**

The mayor has left his indelible mark on the city. DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Standing up for what's right

"He was really the only person who was willing to defend the right of people to engage in religious worship where they chose at a time when that was obviously not a very popular move."

Deputy Mayor Howard Wolfson on Mayor Bloomberg supporting the Ground Zero mosque

Education

While Mayor Bloomberg took heat for the very public catastrophic failure of his appointment of Cathie Black as schools chancellor, it is almost universally agreed that his decision to bring the city's school system under mayoral control resulted in greater accountability and less bureaucracy, allowing unprecedented improvement of public schools.

Sustainability "He testified in Congress, he was a proponent of the carbon tax. He was very outspoken. And now, this election cycle, it wasn't a question of if you had a

> Adam Freed, former Bloomberg administration official, on the mayor leading the charge on climate change

sustainability agenda,

but what it was."

Innovation

Mayor Bloomberg has been an innovation mayor: From Outer Boro Taxis and Citi Bikes to public-private partnerships, he has been a leader in big ideas and new initiatives. His penchant for facilitating the use of private money for public good has drawn criticism when it leaves the ultimate fate of public spaces like city parks in the hands of private entities.

Gun control

It is often said that no other mayor has done as much on a national scale as ours, in particular with his battle for better gun regulations nation-

The organization he founded with Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, Mayors Against Illegal Guns, grew from 15 mavors seven vears ago to more than 1,000 now. Their work was so aggressive that the National Rifle Association put out ads attacking Mayor Bloomberg.

But the mayor who frequently and selfdeprecatingly notes that he's a short, Jewish guy in his 70s — stood his ground even after catching the ire of a national organization that boasts some 4 million members throughout the United States.

Heath initiatives

The mayor has been labeled "Nanny Bloomberg" for pushing health initiatives that some see as an excessive intrusion into people's personal lives. But his smoking ban caught on worldwide, and businesses across the nation now prominently display calorie counts. His large soda ban was overturned in court but at a press conference, the mayor said he doesn't consider the ban a failure. It sparked a conversation, he said, that if nothing else will make some people think twice about the amount of sugar they consume.

Economy

The billionaire mayor who managed to keep the city from crumbling under two major economic hits -9/11 and the 2008 financial crisis - did so with three major things: jobs, tourism and development. While the financial industry collapsed, New York's job market didn't, as the mayor had created incentives to bring in unprecedented levels of tourism.



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Top NYC headlines of 2013

From a scandal-ridden mayoral election to the shifting role of stop-and-frisk, change and unrest are central to some of the year's biggest stories.

ANNA SANDERS



Bill de Blasio elected mayor

For the first time in 12 years, New Yorkers would have a new mayor in Public Advocate Bill de Blasio. Considered an underdog in July, de Blasio seized on ex-Rep. Anthony Weiner's sexting spiral and growing distain for established political powers, including City Council Speaker Christine Quinn and Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Highlighting inequalities Bloomberg often shrugged off as mayor, de Blasio's campaign catchphrase, "A Tale of Two Cities," resonated with New Yorkers eager for change.

Second-chance election

Ex-Rep. Anthony Weiner and ex-Gov. Eliot Spitzer shook up the election after the former congressman announced his bid for mayor in May and the "luv gov" began running for city comptroller in July. Despite their earlier falls from grace — either by sexting or being linked to a prostitution ring both managed to gain early ground. Spitzer ultimately lost and esteem for Weiner dropped dramatically when he admitted to sexting even after his resignation.



Changes to stop-and-frisk

Even as NYPD began to scale back stop-andfrisk, the tactic faced continued scrutiny this year. The City Council passed the Community Safety Act, with one bill requiring the next mayor to appoint an inspector general to the department. Another bill makes it easier to bring profiling lawsuits. An appeals court blocked a federal judge's decision ruling stop-and-frisk unconstitutional in October, holding her remedies. The appeal will be picked up in the spring.





The city celebrates DOMA decision

New Yorkers cheered on the Supreme Court's DOMA decision with celebrations alongside plaintiff Edie Windsor in the West Village in June. City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, who was vying to be the city's first openly gay mayor, said, "The federal government picked the wrong New Yorker to screw with when they sent Edie that tax bill!"



Biker gang assault

Eleven people have been arrested, including one undercover cop, since Alexian Lien's SUV hit a motorcyclist on the West Side Highway, sparking a Sept. 29 biker gang assault. Stunning video captured bikers following Lien, pulling him from his car and beating him in front of his wife and daughter.



Bronx train derailment

In one of the MTA's deadliest days in decades and causing the first fatalities in Metro-North's history, four were killed and dozens injured when a train derailed in the

Bronx on Dec. 1. The train was going 82 mph approaching a 30 mph curve in Spuyten Duyvil. A union boss said the engineer was dozing before going into the curve, though it's unclear if the engineer will be charged in the incident.



Shooting of Kimani Gray

Two police officers shot and killed 16-year-old Kimani Gray on the night of March 9, insisting the teen pointed a gun at them, and that he was acting suspicious. Gray died, shot 11 times total, police said. Officials said police recovered a .38 caliber revolver from the scene. His death sparked days of protests throughout the neighborhood. In May, Gray's parents filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the city.

Spike in anti-gay crimes

After a 32-year-old Mark Carson, an openly gay man, was shot and killed blocks from the Stonewall Inn on May 17 in an alleged hate crime, activists rallied with a march through the West Village. Officials highlighted the murder in an apparent spike in anti-gay attacks citywide.



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Students fight for teacher allegedly fired for being transgender

January — Mark Krolikowski, a music teacher at St. Francis Prep in Fresh Meadows, Queens, was allegedly fired for being transgender. The teacher had taught at the school for more than 30 years.

When one of his former students, Astoria resident Cristina Guarino, heard that he was fired, reportedly due to his appearance, she started a Change. org petition demanding that the school issue Krolikowski a formal apology. More than 6,000 people signed the petition.

What you read online in 2013

Review the Top 5 local stories that you clicked on at Metro.us.

ALLEN HOUSTON

VIDEO: Violent fight between SUV driver and group of bikers

September — The video of motorcyclists who pulled an SUV driver from his vehicle and beat him in September went viral and blew up into one of the biggest stories of the year.

In the video, a swarm of motorcycle riders traveling on the West Side Highway surrounded his black



Range Rover as Alexian Lien, 33, drove with his wife and child. He hit one of the bikers trying to make a getaway. A chase ensued until the suspects pulled the victim from his car and assaulted him.

Who's the man behind Hollywood Stuntz?

October — The group of bikers involved in an assault on a father driving an SUV with his wife and daughter was in town for a ride called Hollywood Stuntz, police reported. Metro profiled Jamie Lao of Ozone Park, the reported brainchild of the Hollywood Stuntz ride.

MAP: Where to find all of Banksy's artwork in NYC

October — The elusive London-based street artist Banksy was in NYC for the month of October, creating pieces all over town. Metro had an online map to highlight all of the locations where he posted.



Chinatown bus company offers service between Philly and NYC

July — A new Philadelphia bus company, STSC Transportation Services, started offering daily bus rides between Philadelphia and New York City in the summer.

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Photo op or photo oops? The top selfies of 2013

2103 was the year of the selfie. The word itself was named Oxford Dictionaries' word of the year.

"It's not a new word," Oxford Dictionaries stated on its blog. "But our Word of the Year need not be a new word. However, it does need to demonstrate some kind of prominence over the preceding year or so and selfie certainly fits the bill."

Celebrities did their part to offer up beautiful,

Kim Kardashian

Who could forget this one? Kim Kardashian posted this #NoFilter pic on Instagram and Twitter and her eager fiance Kanye West responded, "HEADING HOME NOW." Oh, those two.

sexual, controversial selfies. Here is the year of the selfie in review.

Bevonce

We wonder if as a little girl, tiny tot Beyonce had any idea that she would one day cause global breaking news by simply showing the world a picture of her new haircut.

Barack Obama

Nelson Mandela's memorial proved to be a selfie-opp for President Obama, British Prime Minister David Cameron and Denmark's Prime Minister Helle Thorning Schmidt. Was it the appropriate time or place?

@mrpimpgoodgame Benny Winfield Jr.

Many of us are probably guilty of posting a few too many selfies, but Benny Winfield Jr. made selfie history by posting nearly



It's perhaps unsurprising that, according to Google, the No. 1 trending search of 2013 was an international symbol of strength and peace: Nelson Mandela. Google reported that global search interest in the former President of South Africa was already high this year, and after his death on Dec. 5, people from

around world turned to Google to learn more about Madiba and his

legacy.

ings - sixth trending term globally - and Typhoon Yolanda, No. 2 on Google's global events list, also captured the world's attention. And our human desire to help came through, with the search words "donate to the Philippines" ranking highly around the world after the island nation was struck by a devastating typhoon.

Tragedies like the Boston Marathon bomb-

2013 also had moments that made us move. People uploaded more than 1.7 million video versions of the Harlem Shake to YouTube, propelling it to the No. 5 spot on Google's global list; it was also the second most trending video on

YouTube. And unashamedly, we all wanted to learn about twerking, which topped this year's "what is ..." list of search terms. METRO, GOOGLE

Google's Top 10 global trending searches of 2013

- 1. Nelson Mandela
- 2. Paul Walker
- 3. iPhone 5S
- 4. Cory Monteith **5.** Harlem Shake
- 6. Boston Marathon
- 7. Royal Baby
- 8. Samsung Galaxy S4
- 9. Play Station 4
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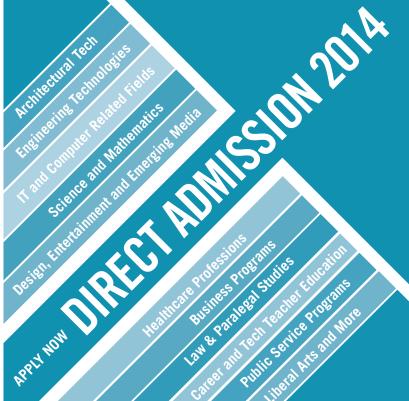






















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NEWS

Farewell, friends. The celebrities we lost

Peter O'Toole (Aug. 2, 1932 - Dec. 14, 2013) Irish actor Peter O'Toole won four Golden Globes, a BAFTA and an Emmy, and he was the recipient of an Honorary Academy Award over the course of his career. He was well-known for his role as "T. E. Lawrence" in "Lawrence of Arabia." He died at 81.

Paul Walker (Sept. 12, 1973 - Nov. 30, 2013) Best known for his role in the "Fast and Furious" franchise, Paul Walker's untimely death happened after a charity event when the car he was riding in crashed and burst into flames. He was 40.

Lou Reed (March 2, 1942 - Oct. 27, 2013) After serving as a member of the band Velvet Underground, Reed went on to have a solo career where he produced the classic hit "Walk on the Wild Side" in 1973. In May, he underwent a liver transplant but died of liver disease months later. He was 71.



CETTY IMACES

Cory Monteith (May 11, 1982 - July 13, 2013) In the role of Finn on the hit show "Glee," Cory Monteith rose to fame as a teen icon. His personal life, however, was riddled with addiction. He died of an overdose after using heroin and alcohol. He was 31.

James Gandolfini (Sept. 18, 1961 - June 19, 2013)
Best known for his character "Tony Soprano" on the "The Sopranos," James Gandolfini went on to produce documentaries after a long and successful career in TV, film and theater. He died of a heart attack while vacationing in Rome. He was 51.

Opinion

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LOOSE CHANGE

I'm sitting in my office amid the heady spirit of the season, listening to four of my colleagues debating the economics of the holidays. Sigh. I've been in the news business for 37 years following world events, popular trends, political scandals and the fate of "Duck Dynasty." Ho ho ho, right? I think I am due for change, and I'm pretty sure one resolution won't do the job. So here is my list of goals for the coming year.

Less snarkiness. I'm tired of everyone having something cynical or mean to say about everything, and I'm as guilty of it, too. Since I can't change others, I'll try to dial myself back. (And yes, I realize the irony of saying that in a column that is routinely as snarky as a 13-year-old girl with a new Juicy Couture hoodie.)

More generosity. When

Quoted

When the economy is bad, it is easy to get grabby about your own wealth — while, oddly enough, the act of being giving can generate more opportunities for all.

the economy is bad, it is easy to get grabby about your own wealth — while oddly enough, the act of being giving can generate more opportunities for all. Circle of life, my friends.

More time with friends. Not to be morbid, but a couple of people who meant a lot to me died this past year, and I had fallen out of touch with them. I need to be better about such things because, after all, I'm pretty sure all those Facebook "friends" won't

be coming to my funeral. (63 people like your status: "Tom's gone!") Just saying.

Fewer judgments of others.

Less eating.

More laughing.

No more musicals on network TV. Okay, this is a resolution for America. These things belong on Broadway, in traveling shows ("The majesty of 'The Lion King' comes to Tulsal") and in high school gymnasiums. Period. And while I'm offering advice, let's throw this in: Could you possibly, finally stop talking in movie theaters?

While I'm sure my wife would like to see "clean out the attic" on this list, let's not get crazy. As President Obama knows, change is hard. So even though I am resolved, let's see how it goes.

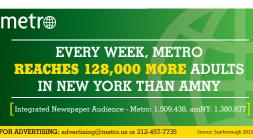
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6Protests in Cairo: Supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood and Egypt's ousted president Mohamed Morsi throw stones during clashes with security forces in Cairo on Aug. 14. GETTY IMAGES

Red Sox World Series:
Jonny Gomes of the Boston Red Sox lays the World Series trophy and the 'Boston Strong 617' jersey onto the finish line of the Boston Marathon during the World Series victory parade on Nov. 2 in Boston. GETTY IMAGES

Obama Marine Umbrella: A U.S. Marine holds an umbrella for President Barack Obama as he holds a press conference with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Erdogan at the White House on May 16. GETTY IMAGES

Muslim child on phone: A Kashmiri Muslim child takes a photo with her cellphone as others offer prayers of Eid-al-Fitr at Eidgah on Aug. 9 in Srinagar, India. GETTY IMAGES

10Bangladesh Workers building collapse: A man and a woman embrace in their final moments of death, buried in rubble after a garment factory collapse in Bangladesh on April 24. TASLIMA AKHTER



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Hard times for film in 2013

Movies. The year's cinema offerings were not happy, but that's not a bad thing.

At the movies, everything is bleak. This year, we learned that love is hard ("Before Midnight," "Blue Is the Warmest Color," "To the Wonder," "Her"), aging is hard ("The World's End") and we're all going to die, possibly horrifically ("The Counselor"). Between birth and death, you fight to survive, fending off failure ("Inside Llewyn Davis"), disease ("Dallas Buyers Club") and inhumane oppression ("12 Years a Slave").

You may struggle alone, in space ("Gravity"), at sea ("All Is Lost") or at an abandoned hospital besieged by Katrina ("Hours," with a rather good Paul Walker). If you partied (as



in "Spring Breakers," "The Bling Ring" and "The Wolf of Wall Street"), you did it hard and at the expense of others.

There was happiness too — or at least pretty pictures. There was the usual rash of interchangeable comic book and YA movies, made to be hoovered up by everyone at once then quickly forgotten. (Quick: Who were the baddies of "Thor: The Dark World"?) But it was heartening to see the masses flock to "Gravity," which offered a legitimately new way of looking at movies,

Editor's Top 4 films of 2013

'To the Wonder'

Having tackled life, the universe and everything with "The Tree of Life," director Terrence Malick settled for a simple — but still heavy — love story.

'The World's End'

2One of the year's funniest films is also one of the saddest, arguing that not only can't you recreate the glories of your youth, but maturity isn't much better.

'Inside Llewyn Davis'

FILMS

The Coens' latest

— about an uncompromising musician - is either emotionally gutting or darkly hilarious. Or both!

'The Counselor'

Everyone hated this talky Cormac McCarthy thriller without realizing it's a reductio ad absurdum of the novelist's bleak-o-rama worldview. And that's great.

albeit one borrowed in part from the avant-garde. Thanks to technology, the "camera" was freed, and thus created in the viewer the loss of control felt by its sparse, flailing cast.

The films of 2013 were real downers but also excellent cinema. This was a year where there were at least 30 better titles than a keyed-up Martin Scorsese picture in "Goodfellas" mode. If 2014 is happier, that may be a bad thing.



Countdown

Metro staffers weigh in

"I very much enjoyed 'The Spectacular Now' and am . looking forward to Shailene Woodley's Hollywood takeover in 2014." EMILY LAURENCE

"I might have teared up a little watching 'Lee Daniels'

The Butler' with my dad. Really moving parent-child stuff happening there, although I don't care about Oprah (there, I said it). I'm pretty sure that's the only movie I paid to see in a theater this vear." T. MICHELLE MURPHY

"A few of us only put one or

two films because we hadn't seen many movies this year. Are we as a culture movina away from movies because, in a 140-characters-or-less society, a two-hour movie takes up too much time?" PAT HEALY

"There weren't many movies out this year that really interested me, for some reason. And I'm someone who will ao see almost anything, if someone else wants to go, just because I have a sick obsession with movie theater popcorn." ALEXANDRA CAVALLO

"Now that I'm a parent, I see the act of going to a

movie theater is a luxury. At \$15 an hour for the babysitter coupled with two tickets, that is well over \$100 to see 'R.I.P.D.' - sometimes in a theater WHERE SOMEONE BROUGHT THEIR CRYING BABY. The entire experience doesn't justify the cost." DOROTHY ROBINSON

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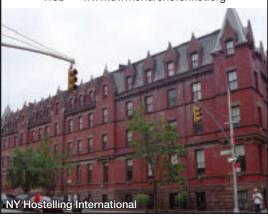
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Craving a different kind of buzz

Music. In a year dominated by twerking, Metro staffers sift through all of the sonic hits and misses.

When Lorde sings "we crave a different kind of buzz" in her 2013 hit, "Royals," the 17-year-old from New Zealand is talking about how unlikely it is that she'll ever be in the company of the artists that she's actually sharing space with in our best-of list. But as a whole, the music industry in 2013 has been craving a different kind of buzz.

Many major musicians released albums with little or no lead-up in 2013; David Bowie, Kanye West, Jay Z, the Pixies and, most recently and spectacularly, Beyonce. Our constantly decreasing collective attention span demands this instant gratification ap-



proach, and the artists are learning that they don't need the labels to do a big promotional ramp-up to get their fans excited.

But this was only part of the music landscape in 2013. We continued to see good-girl-gone-bad as a marketable commodity with Miley Cyrus' effort to take a wrecking ball to her previous Disney image. We had bad dudes trying to pick up the bad girls in the two mega-hits that Pharrell Williams had a hand in (Daft Punk's "Get Lucky" and Robin Thicke's "Blurred Lines"). And we had reliably great artists taking risks; Kanye West, Beyonce, Vampire Weekend, Arcade Fire and

Music editor's picks

1"Yeezus" by Kanye West

2"Modern Vampires Of the City" Vampire Weekend

3"Reflektor" by The Arcade Fire

4 "Pure Heroine" by Lorde

5"Bankrupt" by Phoenix

Honorable mention: "Beyonce" by Beyonce

Phoenix all deserve credit for venturing out of their comfort zones.

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Balanchine's choreography shines when the snowflake ballerinas conjure a flurry, sparkling as individuals and all together.

In the Land of Sweets, the Dewdrop (Ana Sophia Scheller) is exquisite. The Sugar Plum Fairy (Lauren Lovette) and her cavalier employ a series of supported pirouettes that finish in a ravishing back bend and a spin upright.

Despite a few bumps along the way — that snow sure is slippery — NYCB's "Nutcracker" is a delightful sugar high.

MEGAN KENDZIOR

Critic's picks for 2013

Here's Metro's Top 10 plays of 2013, in no special order. For the full article, visit

- 1 'Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812'
- 2 'Fun Home'
- 3 'Here Lies Love'
- 4 'Pippin'
- 5 'Big Fish'
- 6 'The Laramie Project Cycle'
- 7 'After Midnight'
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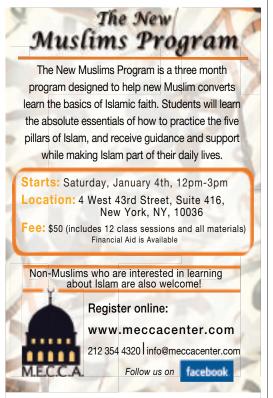
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"This is rather pathetic, but I still have a soft spot in my heart for 'Grey's Anatomy.' You may as well be asking your mother what is hip." DOROTHY ROBINSON

"I kind of feel like Christina's take-down of Meredith, re: 'I am moving past you, and that's OK,' was one of the single best scenes I've seen on TV this season. Really an apt and concise dialogueopener in the ongoing 'Can women have it all, and what does that even mean?' discourse." T. MICHELLE MURPHY

"I'm really glad we didn't neglect 'Arrested Development.' I can't tell you how many people told me they turned it off after the fourth episode — RIGHT before the first Tobias story, which took it from passable to mindmeltingly brilliant. Even more so than the original run, it requires you get into its singular groove. Then it's hard to quit." MATT PRIGGE

"Arrested Development" was so bad. It was like going back to a high school reunion and being feverish to see an old crush only to find him weird and off-key.

Editor's picks

1'Game of Thrones' I appologize on behalf of my colleagues, who put "Game of Thrones" in fifth and last spot — and at a tie no less! To make an outdated Kanye joke, Imma let the rest of the staff finish, but "Game of Thrones" had the best season ever. What other show has the balls to ruthlessly — and awesomely — kill off so many main characters like it ain't no thing? "GoT" reigns supreme. See what I did

2'House of Cards' Netflix is putting out some of the most exciting and

game-changing programs of the moment. "House of Cards" has it all: intrigue, sex, violence, scandal and Kevin Spacey.

3 Project Runway'
Here's my shout out to reality TV. Housewives, teen moms, people who have sex with inanimate objects — I watch it all. But "Project Runway" (technically a reality competition, which is higherbrow) is a quality show. The contestants are actually talented, the challenges are exciting and there's still enough catfighting to sate my appetite for lowbrow reality crap.

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clinic with a shotgun and

becomes a poster child for

Yeah, it might be hokey at

times (it's TV!) but it's dark,

refreshing compared to the usual female-centric, girl-

in-the-big-city or girl-raises-

Girls/TheMindyProject" TINA

baby-on-her-own sitcom.

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the Evangelistic church.

too, and the storyline is

head walks into an abortion

The original chemistry you longed for so much just died with time." DR

"I just wanna go on the Is the New Black' is kinda lame. There's too much hokey, but people don't based in a prison and there but when she left the phone call with her fiance to chase show." PAT HEALY

"You clearly missed the epi-

CAVALLO

record saying that 'Orange cuteness and it's also super really realize that because it's are so many 'tough' women, the chicken is when I left the

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Roundup. This year, these events shocked us — or at least got us talking.

Pop culture gets a bad rap, according to Metro's gossip editor, Dorothy Robinson. Sure, it's lowbrow (especially when Miley Cyrus decides to take her clothes off with no deference to taste or talent) and it births fame-hungry monsters (Kimye, you are a creation even Walter Winchell couldn't dream up). Yet, the hijinks and disasters of people who fly so very high take us away from the humdrum of everyday life. Keeping up with Miley is a nice distraction from the fact that the cable bill is due. Watching Beyonce at the Super Bowl is a reminder of what is humanly possible if you have drive, talent and a whole lot of luck. And witnessing the untimely deaths of two stars reminds us that even our little lives are ones worth living. In fact, maybe we're the lucky ones, blessed to be outside looking in - instead of the other way around.

"I didn't put the Royal Baby on my list because I thought that fell under news. Come on: Kate Middleton should NEVER be on the same list as Miley or Kim Kardashian, even if she is engaged to Kanye West. And although Avril Lavigne marrying Chad Kroeger wasn't earth-shaking, it was so delightfully weird that I thought it deserved a mention." **DOROTHY** ROBINSON

"People only put Paul Walker because it just, just happened, right? Did anyone actually care about Paul Walker?" RACHEL VIGODA

"Not for his body of work so much as I think the world lost a really pretty face. REALLY pretty." TINA CHADHA

"I, for one, definitely had Beyonce winning the Super Bowl on my list. Nothing can stop her, not even a blackout. I don't even remember who actually played. All I remember is the Destiny's Child reunion and Beyonce's black lace body suit. She wins." EMILY LAURENCE

"You do all know that royal gossip is a conspiracy, right? It's something that after America won the Revolutionary War, we had to sign a concession that our major media outlets would always

Top pop culture moments of 2013



pretend to care about what the British royals were doing. WE MUST BREAK THE CHAIN, PEOPLE! USA! USA! USA!" PAT HEALY

"I was a little wor-

ried that people would forget about Cory Monteith for a second, since we've all been Walkerverse for the past month. But then again, how could anyone forget that sweet voice? Those piercing eyes? That body that Lea Michele bearded for so well?" MEREDITH ENGEL

" I don't think anything about the Kimye relationship is real. It's part of a long-con, right? Kanye, years from now, will be like, 'I was totally joking about that

marriage and child."" PH

"I can't find any evidence supporting the theory that Kanye has a sense of humor; I fear he is gravely serious. We mere mortals just do not un-, derstand him." т. MICHELLE MURPHY

"I guess unlike other calculated 'Look at me! I'm no longer a Disney pop princess! I'm now a woman!' coming-out moments (see: Britney in the red pleather bodysuit; Christina's suggestive 'Genie in a Bottle'), Miley's coming out seems raw and unpolished. She's going more for shock value than sex appeal. Which, honestly, is slightly refreshing. Just put the tongue away, girlfriend." DR



Miley Cyrus transforms from Hannah Montana to tongue-wagging Twerk Monster

2Kanye West and Kim Kardashian reproduce; North West is born

William and Kate reproduce; Prince George

Beyonce wins the Super Bowl

Tie: Cory Monteith/ Paul Walker dies

Editor's picks

Miley Cyrus' 1 crazy year

The evolution of Kimye (and the birth of baby North West)

Beyonce wins the Beyonce will Super Bowl

Cory Monteith overdosing

Avril Lavigne marrying Chad Kroeger



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Hakkasan: A seven-course dinner by executive chef Ho Chee Boon includes baked black cod with truffle and Peking duck with caviar.

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Eataly: One-hundred-fifty

Hill **Country Live** Those interested in a little blues and barbecue can check out the all-girl country cover band Your Ex-Girlfriends while munching on barbecue. There's no cover, and a la carte menu is available. 30 W. 26th St., 212-255-4544

Where to eat, drink and

lucky ticketholders will get to experience New Year's at Birreria, Eataly's year-round rooftop. There will be six food stations (and coming from Eataly, you know it'll be good), plus wine, drinks and cocktails from the open top-shelf bar.

Your Ex-Girlfriends perform at Hill Country Live. / DAVID LANG

\$225 p.p., 200 Fifth Ave., 212-229-2560

Sweet Chick: The Williamsburg fried chicken outpost will host a late-night family-style pig roast, complete with its famous bird, sides and chocolate cake "Crack Bars" for dessert.

\$75 p.p., 164 Bedford Ave., 347-725-4793

Terroir Park Slope: The wine bar becomes an '80s prom party on the 31st, with a photo booth, spiked punch, food, trivia and music from everyone's favorite decade. Come in costume, as a prom king and queen will be crowned!

\$100 p.p., 284 Fifth Ave., Brooklyn, 718-832-9463

To party

Top of the Standard: Give 2013 a rousing kiss-off by belting out the "I don't care!" chorus of "I Love It"

Miss Lily's

The prix fixe menu includes Jamaican special-

alongside Icona Pop, who will be performing at this black-tie affair.

\$250 p.p., 848 Washington St., 212-645-4646

Corkbuzz: The wine room's Belle Epoque Champagne Party will feature canapes, absinthe and plenty of bubbly. \$120 p.p., (after 11 p.m.: \$65), 13. E. 13th St., 646ties like jerk chicken and curry scallops, plus a midnight Champagne toast. \$75 p.p., 132 W. Houston St., 646-588-5375

873-6071 **Dream Downtown:** Party alongside Macklemore (he's hosting) while you sip cocktails from the premium open bar in the enclosed rooftop club.

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'Cheri' tells of insufferable passion, pain

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"Cheri" is a turn-of-the-

"Cheri" is a turn-of-thecentury romance explored through a series of fully embodied movement sequences with Tina Howe's text — loosely based on French author Colette's classic 1920 novel by the same name — as its framework.

In just over an hour, we traverse the throes of romance — and the subsequent despair of isolation — between a young man and his mother's best friend

If you go

'Cheri'

Through Dec. 29 Pershing Square Signature Center, 480 W. 42nd St. www.signature theatre.org David Zinn expertly crafted an off-kilter, palatial set to capture the protagonist's emotional duress. Amy Irving (Charlotte) enters as a mother reflecting on her dear Cheri and his need to find a respectable place in society — without a scandalous mistress.

The theater is filled with the sounds of Debussy and Wagner as two of the world's highest-ranking ballet stars find moments of tenderness amid technical prowess. Young Cheri explodes in a fit of grievance — only to end as a heap of a man, wracked with sobs.

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Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Honoring a promise you made will affect how you begin the New Year. To achieve your dreams, you will need to make drastic chanaes.

H Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Move forward with caution. The way others treat you will be a direct result of what you say. Don't expect sympathy.

Aries | March 21-April 20. Seek practical advice. You must make changes, but first you must come to understand what is best for you.

Taurus | April 21-May 21. Make exciting plans if you don't want to be left behind. Suggest traveling or doing something new. Make your thoughts manifest.

∐ Gemini | May 22-June 20. With a little hard work, you can implement your ideas. A partnership is likely to develop into something special.

Gancer | June 21-July 22. that you know how and

Don't cave under pressure. Avoid being cornered. Trust when to use your expertise to get what you want.

€ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Shopping or traveling will provide you with the most fun today. Major happenings are in store from someone who is interested in you. Love is highlighted.

W Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Charitable work or being active in your community will lead to a new service or outlet for your talents.

Take initiative and enjoy

the limelight. Make an audacious move and prepare to be noticed.

M Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. **21.** Try out a hobby or art form that is new to you, and you'll discover an exciting way to incorporate it into your work and personal lives.

🗖 Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Invite friends to your home for some social time. Entertaining will increase your popularity and give you a chance to show off. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

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Letters: Best of 2013

You wrote it, we printed it: Metro takes a look at some of the most memorable letters to the editor of 2013. Some were thought-provoking, some eloquent, some witty - and some were just begging for a response. Here are excerpts from our favorites:

Metro's gone subversive

I was repulsed by your odious front page of the Sept. 3 issue provocatively and defiantly written in Spanish. Are you trying to encourage these all-too-numerous foreigners who refuse to use English? It's bad enough that there are plenty of these disloyal people here, but to encourage them? Has the Metro turned into a communist rag, encouraging so-called "Citizens of the World"? ED GOLDSMITH, VIA EMAIL, SEPT. 6

Surprise, surprise. One Spanish-written page threatens the entire hierarchy of white monolingual America. God forbid we read a

language spoken by approximately 37 million people in the U.S. It's a huge shame that seeing one page in Spanish caused such an uproar. Seeing one page of the daily newspaper should not threaten your way of life. It IS everyday life in this city. JANETTE CHIEN, VIA EMAIL, SEPT. 5

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Apes Inc.

Re: 'Chimp rights case reaches court' (Metro, Dec. 5) As strange as this argument is, I'm much more comfortable with chimpanzees being people than with corporations being people. That being said, the chimps might try becoming incorporated if their original case falls through. I'm sure Tommy, LLC would have the right to contest his captivity! ANTHONY P. FARRELL, VIA EMAIL, DEC. 9

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Top 10 stories of 2013

There were a lot of injuries and plenty of goodbyes — some sadder than others — across the New York sports landscape.

BY MARK OSBORNE



Mariano Rivera walks away from baseball

If you were going to script Mariano Rivera's retirement from the game, it would've ended with him confidently striding off the mound after closing out his sixth World Series title. We got a more realistic story instead, but it's still something baseball fans, not just Yankee fans, will never forget. Rivera stole the stage at the All-Star Game in Queens and had tears in everyone's eyes when Jeter and fellow-retiree Andy Pettitte took the ball from Rivera in his final game. We'll see you in five years in Cooperstown, Mo.

Nets trade for Garnett, Pierce

Anybody in the market for two future Hall of Famers? Brooklyn? Sure, have Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce and we'll throw in sixth-man Jason Terry as well. The Nets stole the headlines during a lousy draft night when they traded for the two Hall of Famers and gave up three first-round picks.

A-Rod's wild, wacky suspension

The long-hoped-for — even by the Yankees, allegedly — suspension of Alex Rodriguez was finally handed down on Aug. 6, but that just kicked off a crazy ride for the Yankee third

baseman. He immediately appealed the suspension and made his season debut, returning from hip surgery, that very night.



Revis traded to the Bucs

Blockbuster NFL trades are rare, but the much-discussed trade of all-everything cornerback Darrelle Revis finally went down in April, just before the NFL Draft. So far, so good, as the Jets used that No. 13 pick on Sheldon Richardson — a leading candidate for Defensive Rookie of the Year

Harvey breaks out, breaks down

It was a year of unrivaled highs and lows for Mets ace Matt Harvey. The 24-yearold shacked up with supermodel Anne V and started the All-Star Game at Citi Field only to have his season undone by Tommy John surgery.



Jeter misses most of the season

Derek Jeter called 2013 the worst season of his career and a "nightmare." It's impossible to disagree. The 39-yearold Yankee captain played just 17 games dealing with ankle, calf and hamstring injuries.



Torts axed

Brash Rangers head coach John Tortorella was fired in May. Any questions!? Any bleepin' questions at all!?





Rice fired

The Mike Rice saga came to a quick end when the Rutgers coach was fired for berating his basketball players.

Bye Ilya

As far as surprise retirements go, the Devils' Ilya Kovalchuk's ranks very high.

Cano leaves

He was never as loved as Jeter, but it'll be weird to see Robinson Cano as a Mariner.

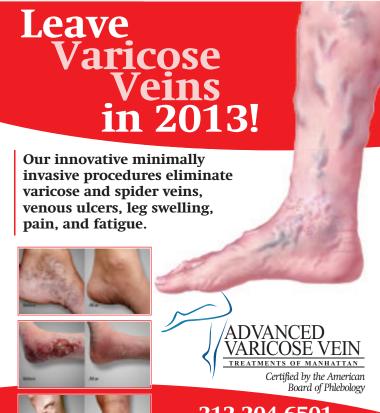


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New York's breakout stars

Best of 2013.

Legacy teams the Yankees and Knicks are old, but that doesn't mean there weren't plenty of new stars this year.

New York never has a dearth of young stars just waiting to break out and immediately be churned up and spit out by the ever-hungry media machine.

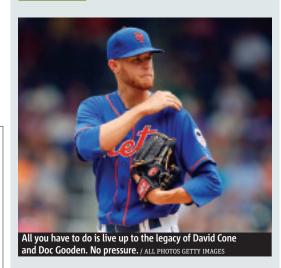
But for those few stars that manage to rise above the fray, they get a chance to leave a mark on the greatest city in the nation.

With nine major sport teams — we know, the Red Bulls should be considered a major sport as well — and two seasons for NBA and NHL, there were plenty of opportunities to reach a new level of stardom.

Metro takes a look at a few of those stars who captured our attention in 2013 — and players we think will still be getting talked about for years to



Zack attack



Zack Wheeler

Matt Harvey is so 2012. New Mets phenom Zack Wheeler made his major league debut June 18 — in the second half of a Harvey-Wheeler doubleheader - and pitched well,

if not dominating (six

innings, zero runs, five

But the quiet, 6-foot-4 righty quickly established himself as worth the fuss everyone made over him when he was acquired from San Francisco for Carlos Beltran.

Unlike Harvey, who sailed through his first season, Wheeler suffered some bumps in the road almost immediately.

But that's one reason we like him so much. He bounced back and finished strong. He lowered his ERA from 4.29 after four starts to 3.48 at the end of the season. He allowed just 90 hits in exactly 100 innings in his first season.

Now all he has to do is step up to replace the injured Harvey, who's out all of 2014.

UFC 168: Weidman vs. Silva 2

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Kid no more

John Tavares

It seems like forever go, but the Islanders made the playoffs back in the spring and a big reason why was the breakout play of forward John Tavares.

You could make a good argument the best player in any sport in the tri-state area is Tavares. He made the final three of the voting for the Hart Trophy (NHL MVP) along with bright-lights names Sidney Crosby and Alex Övech-

kin. He still has to turn around an ugly season in 2013-14.



of 2013

Man in the middle



Sheldon Richardson

A lot more ink was spilled on first-round pick Dee Milliner heading into this Jets season, but it's clearly been defensive lineman Sheldon Richardson who has taken the cake.

Probably literally. The man is 6-foot-3, 300 pounds.

The man who goes by the Twitter handle @Godforshort certainly put the fear of God in opposing linemen during the season.

He has 3 1/2 sacks and 76 tackles, but neither just how good he's been. He's Defensive Rookie of the Year good.

Rueben Randle

Do the Randle

It got pretty dark in the Giants' 2013 season, but if you managed to notice one bright spot, it was Rueben Randle.

There's a good chance Hakeem Nicks will be gone this offseason, leaving Randle as the second receiver to the already-signed Victor Cruz. And Randle has shown he can do it.

He's put up 611 yards on just 41 catches and leads Giants receivers with six touchdowns.

Ge-nooooo!

Geno Smith

Sure, this will be a controversial choice, but there's no question Jets rookie quarterback Geno Smith was talked about as much as any player in New York City over the past six months.

It's yet to be seen

whether Smith will stick as the starting quarterback in 2014, but he'll probably get an opportunity, since he was handpicked by new general manager John

And you can't deny that Smith has looked good at times, especially in the fourth quarter



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with the game on the line. Remember, Eli Manning looked bad in his first season and he's won two Super Bowls.

There's a chance Smith ends up being a bust, but you know Jets fans will be talking about the selection for years to come - good

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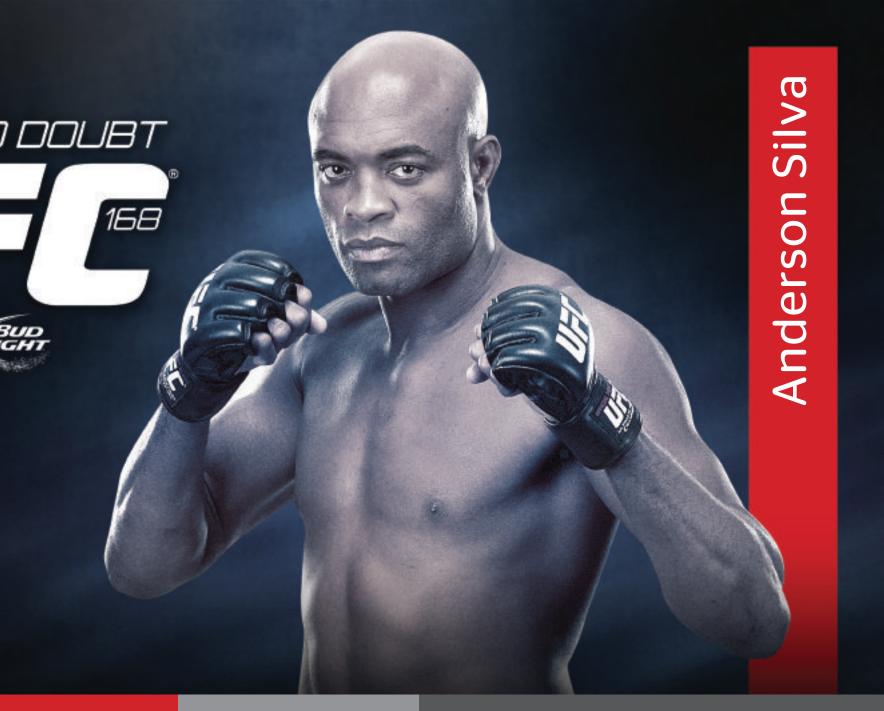
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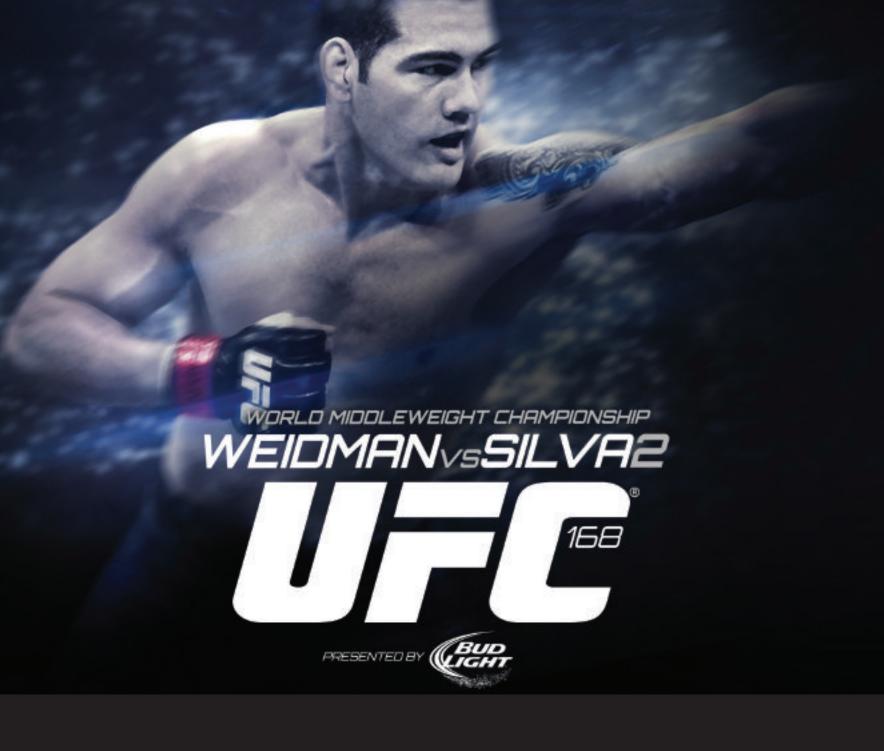
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